



## Welcome to our February *Ewire*

We like to keep you up to date with ideas and information that will help you gain the maximum advantage from working with us.

Our *Ewires* will be sent to you regularly to keep you in touch with the latest legal news and we hope you will find these bulletins interesting.

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**This month's guest article** comes from Dr Patapia Tzotzoli, a Consultant Clinical Psychologist who explores the importance of psychological services when experiencing a separation or divorce. After learning about the rise of e-football, we find out how Silverman Sherliker LLP has been raising money for charity.

**In this edition**, we look into the reasons behind why junior doctors have been making the news and hear Nicholas Lakeland's opinions on the situation, then learn about the advantages of fixed fees in litigious disputes. We invite you to our upcoming employment law seminar and there is a round up of brief family law news stories that you should be aware of, in addition to important news for brand owners about changes that are due to be introduced.



**Employment Partner Nick Lakeland speaks about the NHS doctors' strike**

Silverman Sherliker Partner Nicholas Lakeland has appeared on a 6pm bulletin of the BBC news discussing junior doctors. The full clip can be seen at: <https://youtu.be/j9UWEpCEYyg>



## Junior doctors' contracts... the fight goes on

Having been asked several times on national television (**Nicholas Lakeland BBC News – The Junior Doctors**) whether Mr Hunt and the NHS could just 'impose' a new contract on junior doctors, I have had to say 'Yes'. As employers they have the right to change the terms and conditions of employment they offer new doctors or those whose fixed term contracts have expired.

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## Fixed fees for litigation – budgetary certainty

Following a review, Lord Justice Jackson has recommended that for disputes with a value of up to £250,000 that proceed to litigation, there should be fixed fees for the work that the lawyers undertake for the parties. The Ministry of Justice has indicated that it is likely to approve this recommendation. John Abbott, Silverman Sherliker's Head of Dispute Resolution, welcomes the move towards a wider use of fixed fees.

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## Spring Employment Law Seminar

Silverman Sherliker LLP invite you to a Spring Employment Law Seminar.

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## Family law round up

Silverman Sherliker LLP Partner Stala Charalambous provides a round-up of topics for your attention.

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## Attention all brand owners – European Union trade mark reform

Since 1 April 1996, the Community Trade Mark (CTM) system has provided a cost effective way for businesses to obtain protection of their trade marks across all of the member countries of the European Union (EU). The CTM is a unified trade mark registration system, whereby one registration provides protection for a trade mark in all member states of the EU. The CTM system has been administered by the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market (OHIM), which is located in Alicante, Spain. Significant changes are about to take effect, as Director of Trade Marks Nigel Parnell explains.

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## Why consider psychological services when going through a separation or divorce?

This month's guest article comes from Dr Patapia Tzotzoli, a Consultant Clinical Psychologist chartered by the British Psychological Society and Registered with the Health and Care Professions Council.

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## By the way, the future of professional football is e-football

Trainee Solicitor Billy Jenks considers the notion that the popularity of e-football could overtake the traditional game, but that depends upon the interpretation of 'football player'.

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## Master bakers raise money for charity

At the start of the month, Silverman Sherliker's Mary Berry wannabes got baking and raised money for a local charity.

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## What's on your mind?

Is there any particular topic or area of law (business, private client or family matters) that you would like to see us focus on in a future edition of *Ewire*?

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